

**Chambers of Circuit Judge James L. Dennis**

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**James L. Dennis**  
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1936  
Education: Louisiana Tech 1959 BS; LSU 1962 JD; Virginia 1984 LLM  
Began Service: October 2, 1995  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Academic:** Visiting Professor, Louisiana State University; Visiting Professor, Tulane University

**Government:** State Representative James Dennis (R-LA), Louisiana State House of Representatives (1968-1972)

**Judicial:** Judge, Louisiana District Court, Fourth Judicial District (1972-1974); Judge, Louisiana Court of Appeal, Second Circuit (1974-1975); Justice, Supreme Court of Louisiana (1975-1995)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1962-1972)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1955-1957)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; Louisiana State Bar Association

**Staff**  
Secretary/Office Manager **Terri Hooper** ..... (504) 310-8000

**Chambers of Circuit Judge Edith Brown Clement**

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**Edith Brown Clement**  
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
Education: Alabama 1969 BA; Tulane 1972 JD  
Began Service: December 27, 2001  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable H.W. Christenberry, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana (1973-1975)

**Judicial:** District Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana (1991-2001)

**Legal Practice:** Jones, Walker, Waechter, Poitevent, Carrere & Denegre (1975-1991)

**Current Memberships:** The American Inns of Court; The American Law Institute; Federal Bar Association; Louisiana State Bar Association; Maritime Law Association of the United States

**Staff**  
Law Clerk **Adele Auxier** ..... (504) 310-8068  
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Term Expires: May 2008  
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**Chambers of Circuit Judge Edward C. Prado**

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**Edward C. Prado**  
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
Education: Texas 1969 BA, 1972 JD  
Began Service: May 14, 2003

**Government:** Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, County of Bexar, Texas (1972-1976); Federal Public Defender, Western District of Texas, State of Texas (1976-1980); United States Attorney, Western District of Texas, United States Department of Justice (1981-1984); District Judge, Chambers of District Judge Edward C. Prado, United States District Court for the Western District of Texas (1984-2003)

**Judicial:** Judge, Texas District Court, Bexar County (1980)

**Military Service:** United States Army Reserve (1972-1980)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; The American Inns of Court; Federal Bar Association; San Antonio Bar Association; San Antonio Bar Foundation; State Bar of Texas

**Chambers of Circuit Judge Priscilla R. Owen**

600 Camp Street, New Orleans, LA 70130  
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**Priscilla R. Owen**  
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1954  
Education: Baylor 1976 BA, 1977 JD  
Began Service: June 3, 2005  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Judicial:** Justice, Supreme Court of Texas (1995-2005)

**Legal Practice:** Andrews & Kurth L.L.P. (1977-1994)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation, American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; The American Law Institute; Houston Bar Association; Houston Bar Foundation, Houston Bar Association

**Chambers of Circuit Judge Jennifer Walker Elrod**

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**Note:** Ms. Jennifer Walker Elrod was confirmed by the Senate as a U.S. Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit on October 4, 2007. A date has not yet been set for her to be sworn-in.

**Jennifer Walker Elrod**  
Circuit Judge

Education: Baylor 1988 BA; Harvard 1992 JD

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, District Judge Simeon Timothy Lake III, United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas

**Judicial:** 190th District Court Judge, County of Harris, Texas (2002-2007)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Baker Botts L.L.P.

**Chambers of Senior Judge Thomas M. Reavley**

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**Thomas M. Reavley**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1921  
Education: Texas 1942 BA; Harvard 1948 JD;  
Virginia 1983 LLM  
Began Service: 1979  
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor of Law, Texas (1958-1959); Lecturer on Law, Baylor (1976); Lecturer on Law, Texas (1978-1979)

**Government:** Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, State of Texas (1948-1949); Secretary of State, State of Texas (1955-1957)

**Judicial:** Judge, Texas District Court, 167th Judicial District (1964-1968); Justice, Texas Supreme Court (1968-1977)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Bell & Reavley (1949-1950); Private Practice (1950-1951); Collins, Garrison, Renfro & Zeleskey (1951-1952); Partner, Fisher & Reavley (and predecessor firms) (1952-1955); Partner, Powell, Raubut, McGinnis & Reavley (1957-1964); Counsel, Scott & Douglass (1977-1979)

**Military Service:** United States Navy (1942-1946)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation, American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; The American Law Institute; State Bar of Texas

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**Chambers of Senior Judge Will Garwood**

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**Will Garwood**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1931  
Education: Princeton 1952 BA; Texas 1955 LLB  
Began Service: November 9, 1981  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable John R. Brown, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (1955-1956)

**Judicial:** Justice, Texas Supreme Court (1979-1980)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Graves, Dougherty, Hearon, Moody & Garwood (and predecessor firms) (1959-1979)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1956-1959)

**Current Memberships:** American Judicature Society; The American Law Institute; Texas Bar Foundation, State Bar of Texas

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Secretary **Kathryn Miller** ..... (512) 916-5113  
Education: Baylor 1977 BM, 1979 MM

**Chambers of Senior Judge Harold R. DeMoss, Jr.**

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**Harold R. DeMoss, Jr.**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1930  
Education: Rice 1952 BA; Texas 1955 LLB  
Began Service: December 13, 1991  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Corporate:** Director, Panama Canal Company (1976-1977); Legal Services Corporation (1982-1983)

**Government:** Member of the Council, Administrative Conference of the United States (1990-1991)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Bracewell, Patterson & Patterson (1957-1961); Partner, Bracewell & Patterson, L.L.P. (1961-1991)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1955-1957)

**Current Memberships:** Federal Judges Association; Houston Bar Association; Maritime Law Association of the United States; State Bar of Texas

**Staff**  
Secretary **Sharon G. Hicks** ..... (713) 250-5462

**Chambers of Senior Judge John Duhé Jr.**

600 Camp Street, New Orleans, LA 70130  
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**John M. Duhé, Jr.**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1933  
Education: Tulane 1955 BS, 1957 LLB  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Judicial:** Judge, Louisiana District Court, 16th Judicial District (1979-1984); Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana (1984-1988)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Helm, Simon, Caffrey & Duhé (1957-1978)

**Current Memberships:** Federal Judges Association; Iberia Parish Bar Association; Louisiana State Bar Association

**Chambers of Senior Judge Patrick E. Higginbotham**

903 San Jacinto Boulevard, Room 400, Austin, TX 78701  
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**Patrick E. Higginbotham**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1938  
Education: Alabama 1960 BA, 1961 LLB  
Began Service: August 3, 1982  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan



**Judicial:** Judge, United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas (1976-1982)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Coke & Coke (1964-1975)

**Military Service:** United States Air Force (1961-1964)

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